# **Police File**

## Crimes of note 26/05/20011 - 22/08/20011

House Breaking With Intent (Garden Shed) – Ruthven

Theft of Metal Drain Covers - Ruthven area

#### **COMMUNITY SAFETY INFORMATION**

## **Workplace Security**

Tayside Police are urging members of the Public to only take essential items with them to their place of work. All bags and purses should not be left in open view and should be secured away in personal lockers. If these facilities are not provided then items should be left at home or concealed out of sight within the boot of your car.

Remember many of the people you work with are work colleagues and not friends!

### **Housebreaking**

As we head into autumn, the increasing hours of darkness provide opportunities for a potential thief. A property left in the dark in late afternoons or early evenings is a house that looks unoccupied and is a temptation for criminals. Members of the public are reminded to endeavour to make properties safe by taking simple security measures. Setting timers on internal lights and radios gives the impression that the house is occupied. Fitting or checking external security lights are in working order, and locking all doors, windows and sheds will improve the safety of the property. Safe as Houses provide a free of charge service for elderly and disabled persons, and those who are victims of crime. Referrals can be made by contacting Claire Taylor, Crime Prevention Officer, on 01307 477477.

#### **Drug Misuse**

PMMA (ParaMethoxyMethylAmphetamine) is a highly toxic stimulant drug that has been found by forensic scientists in tablets that look like ecstasy and some so-called 'legal highs'. It is a class A drug.

Since last summer, PMMA has been linked to a number of deaths in mainland Europe and following a number of police raids on so called 'head shops', it has been established that the drugs are being sold here in Scotland.

PMMA has been identified in pink tablets with a Rolex Crown logo and white tablets with a four-leaf clover logo, as well as in some products claiming to be so-called 'legal highs'. It has also been recovered in powder form and it may be present in other illicit products and tablets with other logos.

### **Bogus Phone Callers**

Tayside Police is once again urging householders to be on their guard against cold callers who phone unprompted and offer loans, rebates or rewards. Over recent times, Tayside Police has received numerous complaints or intelligence reports in relation to people – often elderly and vulnerable persons - Tayside Police is once again urging householders to be on their guard against cold callers who phone

unprompted and offer loans, rebates or rewards. An upfront fee is usually requested. If you have concerns, contact the police on 0300 111 2222.

# I am your local beat officer and stationed at Kirriemuir. If you have any areas of concern and looking for advice feel free to contact me on either

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